from 4th June, 1997; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) what are the details of their demands alongwith the reaction of Government;

(c) whether all the terms of agreement were strictly implemented;

(d) if not, the reasons for non-implementation; and

(e) whether instructions have been issued for immediate implementation of the said agreement; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (e) The employees of the CGHS were on strike from 4.6.97 to 9.6.1997. Their demands related to certain recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay Commission *inter-alia* covering abolition of vacant posts, split duty hours in CGHS, removal of anomalies in pay-scales of various catergories, opening of CGHS own hospitals, etc.

As the recommendations of the Pay Commission were still under process at that time, the Association was informed that their concerns regarding working condition, etc., would be sympathetically projected at the appropriate stage and that the strike should be called off as patients care service, which was the primary concern of the CGHS would be jeopardised.

The various recommendations of the Pay Commission are under consideration.

Shortage of Para-Medical Staff in CGHS Homocopathic Units

965. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether all CGHS Homocopathic units in Delhi are not functioning properly due to shortage of para-medical staff and non availability of substitutes;

(b) whether the dispensing counters and stores of CGHS Homocopathic units are not properly and alphabatically groupwise arranged, which creates lot of difficulties to the substitute pharmacists and beneficiaries;

(c) whether Government are considering to upgrade the standard of these units by posting para-medical staff; and

(d) if so, by when; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As per information available, there is no shortage of para-medical staff and the Homocopathic units are generally functioning properly. The store and dispensing counters are normally arranged alphabetically and group-wise. No difficulty if any, faced by the staff, has been reported.

(c) and (d) Although upgradation of some Homocopathy units had been envisaged in the 9th Five Year Plan, the Plan is yet to be finalised. Hence, the upgradation would depend on the resources made available and also the requirement, feasibility and availability of manpower.

Financial Grant on Birth of a Girl Child

966. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a scheme to grant Rs. 500 in case of birth of a girl child to parents who are living below the poverty line; and

(b) if so, the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) This scheme has been launched by the Department of Women and Child Development. According to the information given by the Department of Women and Child Development, under

the scheme of Balika Samriddhi Yojana, the mothers of girl children born on or after 15th August, 1997 in families below the poverty line, in rural and urban areas, are given a grant or Rs. 500/-. The main objective of the scheme is to raise the overall status of the girl child while changing family and community attitudes towards the girl child and the mothers.

Ban on Opening of New CGHS Homoeopathic Units in Delhi

967. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not opening CGHS units of Homoeopathic systems of treatment in the Capital;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to put a ban on opening of CGHS Homoeopathic units in the Capital due to non-availability of funds, medical and para-medical staff, buildings and space, manpower and medicines for the last twelve years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due attention is not being given by Government in expansion and development of CGHS Homoeopathic units in Delhi and outside Delhi; and

(d) if so, the reasons for negative attitude against this system only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (d) The CGHS has been giving emphasis to all the systems of medicines based on the requirement, feasibility and availability of financial resorces and manpower.

The Ninth Five Year Plan has not been finalised yet. Opening of some units under Homoeopathic system of medicines had been envisaged. this would depend on the resources made available for the Ninth Five Year Plan.

De-Recognition of Government Ayurvedic College, Hyderabad

968. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government Ayurvedic College at Hyderabad is proposed to be de-recognised;

(b) if so, on what grounds; and

(c) whether the Central Council of Indian Medicines has de-recognised some other Ayurvedic colleges in the country also and, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Government of India accord recognition to Medical qualifications granted by Medical Institutions after consulting the Central Council of Indian Medicine. The procedure for withdrawal of recognition has been laid down under Section 21 of Indian Medicine Central Council Act, 1970. The Government of India has not received any proposal for withdrawal of recognition from the Council. The question of withdrawal of recognition, therefore, does not arise.

Representation from Voluntary Organisation working for Family Planning and Welfare

969. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any repesentation in September/October, 1997 from Akhil Bhartiya Kutumb Kalyan Karamchari Sangh, Nasik, Maharashtra requesting for treating the staff of voluntary organisations working for family planning and welfare at par with Government servants;

(b) if so, the decision taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if no decision has been taken, by when Government propose to take a decision in the matter?